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**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL (37 CFR. § 1.53(b))**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
 Box Patent Application  
 Washington, DC 20231

Sir: This is a request for filing a patent application under 37 CFR. § 1.53(b) in the name of inventors:  
**Carl H. Poppe**

or: **TUBE CONNECTION SYSTEM**

Assigned to: Rheodyne, L.P.

**Application Elements:**

- ☒ **28** Pages of Specification, Claims and Abstract  
☒ **06** Sheets of informal Drawings  
☒ **02** Pages Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney - unexecuted

**Accompanying Application Parts:**

- ☒ Do not publish this application. Nonpublication Request is attached.  
☐ Assignment and Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet (recording fee of \$40.00 enclosed)  
☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement by Assignee  
☐ Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449  
☐ Copies of IDS Citations  
☐ Preliminary Amendment  
☒ Return Receipt Postcard  
☐ Other:

☒ **Applicant is entitled to Small Entity Status under 37 C.F.R. §1.27.**

	(Col. 1) Total Claims		(Col. 2) Claims	(Col. 3) Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
TOTAL	36	MINUS	20	= 16	x 18 =	288
INDEP.	03	MINUS	3	= 00	x 80 =	0
[ ] First presentation of multiple dependent claim					\$270 =	
Basic Filing Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.16(a)					\$710 =	710.00
TOTAL						998
SMALL ENTITY 50% FILING FEE REDUCTION (if applicable)						499.00

☒ **PLEASE DEFER FILING FEES UNTIL RECEIPT OF MISSING PARTS NOTICE.**

☐ The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees beyond the amount enclosed which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. ).

☒ **General Authorization for Petition for Extension of Time (37 CFR §1.136)**

☒ Applicants hereby make and generally authorize any Petitions for Extensions of Time as may be needed for any subsequent filings. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any extension fees under 37 CFR §1.17 as may be needed to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. RHE1P004).

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**PATENT**

In re application of: Carl. H. Poppe

Attorney Docket No.: RHE1P004

Application No.: Unknown

Examiner: Not Assigned

Filed: Herewith

Group: Not Assigned

Title: TUBE CONNECTION SYSTEM

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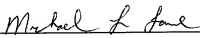
**NONPUBLICATION REQUEST AND CERTIFICATION**  
**(35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i))**

Commissioner for Patents  
Box Patent Application  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen (18) months after filing. I hereby request that the attached application **NOT** be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

Date: March 5, 2001

  
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**NOTE:**

This request must be signed in compliance with 37 CFR 1.33(b) and submitted with the application upon filing.

Applicant may rescind this nonpublication request at any time. If applicant rescinds a request that an application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b), the application will be scheduled for publication at eighteen months from the earliest claimed filing date for which a benefit is claimed.

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